

Pastor Roger Scharen, Central Christian Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Gregory led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Gregory. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Slater, Chester, McDaniel, Wheeler, Keolker, and Futcher, and Student Representatives Joe Dieter and Tanner Davis.

**Minutes:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Approve the Minutes of the September 6, 2005, Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:**

**Sherri K. Kibbee**, 1201 S. 9<sup>th</sup>, Kelso, discussed concerns about vehicles speeding on South 9<sup>th</sup> and Elm Street and the possibility of putting in a speed bump in this residential area. Public Works Director David Sypher said due to the liability involving speed bumps, the new trend is putting in speed humps, which are approximately 6 to 10 feet wide with a rise of about 6 inches. Mr. Sypher will take a look at the area.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Local Sculptor Bill McCown**, presented his statue of Peter Crawford, the founder of Kelso. Mr. McCown has sculpted two numbered Crawford Busts. Funding for the Cowlitz County Museum piece is coming from donations from a number of people. Most of the funding for the City piece is coming from the general fund. Donations are welcome.

**Library Director Geraldine Veenstra gave a presentation of 103, 105, and 109 Allen Street Library Option:** PNE Corp. provided specifications for a remodel of the building at 109 Allen for a preliminary budget estimate total of \$38,050. This does not include the cost of repainting the building or an upgrade to the exterior facade. This would add approximately \$33,000 to \$43,000 to the cost. Council discussion followed concerning the existing facility, a remodel of the 109 facility, or building a new facility. Council consensus was to stay in the current building, but continue to keep options open for the possibility of remodeling 109 Allen or building a new facility in three to five years. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the heating/cooling system at the library. Geraldine has received several additional bids. Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, '**Authorize Contract with Air Pro Heating & Cooling to Remove and Replace Heating System at Kelso Library, including the Additions for the Non Fiction Room and the Electrical Work,**' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Gregory read a Proclamation declaring the week of September 17 through 23, 2005, as Constitution Week. September 17, 2005, marks the two hundred eighteenth anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:**

**ASB President Joe Dieter:** 1) Each year ASB has a plan of action. This year our main focus for our student body is the drug problem. Different clubs at school are focusing on this theme as well. 2) We are involved in a number of fund raisers for the New Orleans disaster. At the football game Friday night, we raised over \$1,100. 3) School spirit is good and we are off to a great start. 4) The football team looks good.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Auditing of Account:** \$1,709,892.74

**Liquor License Renewals:** 1) Border Stop Market Deli & Gas, 424 Long Avenue;  
2) Three Rivers Golf Course, 2222 S. River Rd.; 3) Yan's Chinese Restaurant, 300 Long Ave. W.

Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,709,892.74,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PUBLIC HEARING – REVENUE SOURCES FOR THE CITY'S 2006 CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET:**

Mayor Gregory opened the Public Hearing at 8:05 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Gregory closed the Public Hearing at 8:07 p.m.

City Manager Doug Robinson explained the Public Hearing is required by the State to allow the public to ask questions and give comments concerning the budget. Other public meetings will be held before the budget is adopted. The Preliminary Budget should be available to the public around November 1<sup>st</sup>. The workshop for the 2006 Budget will be Saturday, November 5.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. 05-3578 – Update Critical Areas Map Entitled Digital Landslide Inventory Cowlitz County:** The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Fatcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 05-3578, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING SECTION 7 OF ORDINANCE NO. 3509, CODIFIED AS KMC

CHAPTER 18.20.070, ADOPTING A NEW GEOLOGICALLY HAZARDOUS AREAS MAP,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Ordinance No. 05-3577 – Creating a New Chapter to the KMC Lot Line Overlay**

**Zone:** The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 05-3577, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO CREATING A NEW CHAPTER TO THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ZERO LOT LINE OVERLAY ZONE," TO BE CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 17.21, ESTABLISHING AN OVERLAY ZONE; AMENDING SECTION 8 OF ORDINANCE NO. 3508, CODIFIED AS KMC CHAPTER 17.12.020, DEFINING ZONING DISTRICTS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 05-899 – Approving the Electronic Information Access Policy and**

**Adopt as the Policy:** The City Clerk read the Resolution by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Approve Resolution No. 05-899, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO APPROVING THE ELECTRONIC INFORMATION ACCESS POLICY AND ADOPTING THE SAME AS THE POLICY OF THE KELSO PUBLIC LIBRARY,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) – Regulating the Licensing of Private Detectives:** The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 05-3563, CODIFIED AS KMC 5.40, REGULATING THE LICENSING OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 05-898 – Declaring Certain Items of Equipment as Surplus (Quick Lift Plus Hoist & Miller Portable Gas Welder):**

The City Clerk read the Resolution by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Keolker and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Approve Resolution No. 05-898, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND DIRECTING ITS SALE,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Close Out Contract for Academy Street Waterline Replacement:** Public Works Director David Sypher explained the total contract amount of \$242,421.56 was a little more because we hit solid bedrock. Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Authorize close out of the contract with Paul Lambson Contracting in the amount of \$242,421.56, including sales tax,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Close Out Contract for Long Avenue/Royal Street Intersection Closure Project:**

Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Keolker,

‘Authorize close out of the Long Avenue/Royal Street Intersection Closure Project with Brookhart Excavating in the amount of \$38,815.15 including sales tax,’ motion carried, all voting yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Rod Wright, 97 Banyon Dr., Kelso,** asked for an explanation of Ordinance No. 05-3578, adopting a new geologically hazardous areas map, and inquired if Aldercrest is one of these critical areas. Community Development Director Kent Anderson explained in 2003 the Corps of Engineers did a landslide hazardous study for all of Cowlitz County and this map was created which Kelso adopted. Aldercrest is included in this area. Rod also inquired about the meaning of Ordinance No. 05-3577, zero lot line overlay zone. Kent explained the purpose is to establish an overlay district to allow property owners within this district to develop zero lot line or duplex housing units on the existing platted lots.

**Ron Spahman, 307 Banyon Dr., Kelso,** stated it was his understanding that the Banyon area was no longer included in the slide area. The eleven homes in this area survived and we would like to be accepted back into the community. Kent indicated he has a color coded map and invited Ron to come to his office after the meeting to take a look.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**Doug Robinson:** The AWC meeting is September 27 in Vancouver beginning at 6:30. Meet here at 5:30 if you want to ride down together.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Paul Brachvogel:** 1) Forming a new nuisance policy and would like Council input. A list of nuisance type prosecution policies was handed out. 2) I will attend a WSAMA conference next month and will report back.

**David Sypher:** 1) The project at 8<sup>th</sup> & Oak and Academy looks good. Our staff has worked hard. 2) We hope to get pothole work and patch work done while the weather holds out. 3) We have some storm drains to be fixed. 4) The Parks Crew did a great job at the Highlander Festival. 5) Beginning to work on the budget. 6) The Stan Rister project is coming together.

**Kent Anderson:** We made available an in-house application packet to all union employees for the Building Inspector position. Hope to fill the position in a few weeks.

**Geraldine Veenstra:** We have received the continuing education grant from the State Library which will allow three staff members to have reader’s advisory training.

**Wayne Nelson:** 1) Staying busy patrolling the school areas now that school has started. Watch out for the kids! 2) The Police Department will be asking for a budget amendment to add another officer. A portion of the money from the criminal justice tax would be used to add the new officer. This should help keep down some of the overtime. 3) The 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October I will be going to Mississippi, along with 99 other people from the Kelso/Longview area, for a Hurricane Relief Trip.

**Veryl Anderson:** 1) The Highlander Festival was a success. The Wicked Tinkers performed on Sunday and drew large crowds. We have invited them back next year and hope they will come. 2) We are working on budget preparation.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Mark Chester:** No Report

**Jack Keolker:** No Report

**Todd McDaniel:** No Report

**David Fletcher:** No Report

**Alan Slater:** 1) I am seeing young people on small motorcycles approximately 3' long and 15" high doing 15 to 20 mph. They are difficult to see and I'm afraid someone will get hurt. 2) Suggested City Manager Doug Robinson might want to contact the Masonic Lodge to see if they would be interested in renting our building at 109 Allen. Some of their members are unable to attend their meetings because they can't climb the stairs. 3) I would like the Planning Commission to look at tri-plexes again. Some bigger lots would accommodate them and we could use the utility money. 4) There are things happening in Lewis County that far exceeds what's happening in Cowlitz County. On Highway 99 near Chehalis there are hundreds of large homes being built. I heard Clemson College is planning to build a 4-year college on 400 acres in Napavine. 5) There are lots of speeding cars on Crawford Street and it is dangerous for the children. It is hard for the school bus to get down the street when cars are parked on both sides of the street. Perhaps we need to limit parking to only one side of the street.

**Joe Wheeler:** 1) Asked about the status of tri-plexes. Community Development Director Kent Anderson reported the Planning Commission is currently split on this issue. A couple members felt people who built ten to twenty years ago should be able to continue on while others felt people who own houses in these areas should be able to get their neighborhood back to a single-family neighborhood.

**Don Gregory:** Saturday afternoon at the Highlander Festival we dedicated the dance covered area. Ed and Cory Mugaas donated a very attractive steel cover with an approximate value of \$12,000. Cory gives huge amounts of her time volunteering for the

Highlander Festival and the Kelso Tree Lighting. Mayor Gregory presented a plaque to Ed and Cory.

Upon Motion by Councilmember Fatcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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**CITY CLERK**